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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Figures From the Next Report of Superintendent Scarborough.

The following figures in regard to the public schools of North Carolina, are published by the Biblical Recorder, from the advance sheet of the annual report of Hon. J. C. Scarbor-ough, Superintendent of Public In-

Struction: There are 635,452 children of school age (between 6 and 21 years) in North Carolina, Ninety-five per cent. of these, which is 603,673, are dependent on the public schools to teach them to read and write. If she does not provide schools 603,673 of the children in her borders have no hope, no opportnnity but to grow up illiterate, ignorant utterly. If she provides poor schools, sorry teachers and keeps them only a few weeks in each year, the chances streets and cowhided him. for these 603,673 children are but slightly improved. And it is no reflection on the teachers to say that this is the condition of the averpublic school; the reflection is upon the General Assemblies which have met without making better provision; it is a shame upon the people who are intelligent enough to recognize these conditions and to deplore them, but who have indifferently tolerated them. No patriot can stand by and see 603,673 children out of the total of 635,445 in the State, coming to manhood in ignorance because they have no schools, or because such as they have are so meagerly supported that they are not even kept open long enough to teach a pupil to that State. read or write or figure. There are 7,171 public schools in North Carolina The amount expended upon the teach- mortgages, aggregating \$9,060,351. ers is \$690,161.54, which is an average of \$95 for each school a year.

The total number of school districts in North Carolina is 7,807, that is to | cidental. say (bearing in mind that the number of schools reported is 7,191) that in 616 districts there were no schools at all. The total amount of money expended on the public schools for the year is \$835,265. that is to say (bearing in mind the amount paid to teachers) that | have petitioned Weyler to close the Cuban \$145,104 was expended for school houses, sites, expenses of county boards, furniture, fuel, etc.

A Remarkable Crop Year. The first report of the new arrangement of the climate and crop service has just been issued. Instead of being called the North Carolina Service, it is now called the North Carolina Section" of the climate and crop service. This number contains a review of the crop season of 1896. It been at it for six years.

"The crop season of the past yearin North Carolina was a remarkable one in several respects. There probably never was a year with a larger number of warm periods. Unusually favorable weather prevailed early in the year, resulting in a splendid condition of crops; but the severe drought at the end of the season disappointed all, hopes. The winter was favorable for farm work,"

### Ought to Be Impeached.

The Biblical Recorder speaks about Judge Norwood's intemperance and says: "This is not the first time such dis-Judge Norwood. He seems to be a be made for some time. hopeless subject of strong drink. He ought to resign for his own sake. If he does not, he ought to be impeached. The bench should be kept above reproach, above all other parts of the government.

Found to Work Admirably.

The Charlotte Observer's Raleigh correspondent says: "It is learned on high authority that a number of counties will ask the Legislature to allow them to adopt the dispensary law. It is asserted that in Haywood county it is found to work admirably."

Spencer, the new railroad town near Salisbury, will have electric lights by Christmas.

### Had No Power.

The electoral college met in Raleigh last week, ten of its eleven members being present. A telegram from Tyre York, the absent one announced his sickness. An opinion of the Attorney | below zero. General was read, that the college at the session under the State law had no power to declare or fill a vacancy. The college after an hour's session, adjourned to January 11th.

Conditions of the Treasury.

The balance in the State Treasury at the end of the year, November 30, according to the books of the State Auditor, was:

General fund ..... \$107,552.95 Educational fund...... 35,058.31

Total .....\$142,611.26

The Durham aldermen refuse to pay water rent, saying that the company has not kept the contracc.

It is said that Sheriff Ellington, of Johnston, has the honor of being the first sheriff to sottle his taxes for 1896. He made a complete settlement.

The halls of the two houses of the Legislature have not experienced the touch of the kalsominers and painters this year, so says the Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer. Both are very dingy. The furniture has been repolished. It is all very fine mahogany, put there in 1838, it is said.

The Supreme Court has decided that goats come under the head of cattle. The opinion in this case is written by Judge Clark.

### WEEKLY NEWS BUDGET.

Southern Pencil Pointers. At Morganton N. C., A C. Avery, Jr., son of Justice A. C. Avery, of the North Carolina

Supreme Court, was assaulted by negroes and stabbed in five places. The negroes ha e been captured and placed in the Charlotte jail for safe keeping. A Sweedish sailor was picked up clinging to a small hatch floating in the Gulf stream, off the coast of North Carolina, last Friday. He was the last of his crew.

The Westham Quarry Company, owning large quarries and dressing sheds in Chesterfield, Va., has made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities are \$89,000. It is believed that the assets will

pay the company out. The losses, amounting to \$30,000, sustained by the Germania bank and the National bank of Savannah, Ga., through forged South-

western railroad stock certificates, said to have been hypothecated by Maj. A. L. Hartfidge, have been settled in full At Dallas, Texas, County Treasurer, W. N.

Coe has been arrested on a grand jury in-dictment charging him with embezzling \$5,-695 of the county funds. Miss Emma Monroe, the 15-year-old editress of the Attalia, (Ala.) Beacon, met W. H. Cathee, editor of the Herald, on the

At Benarnold, Milan county, Texas, convicts escaped while at work by the guard being shot by a mounted desperado.

Frying Pan Shoals, near Charleston, S. C., broke away from her moorings during last week's storm. The State Baptist Convention, of South Carolina, is in session at Charleston. Dis-

tinguished Baptists from all over the United States are in attendance. The Louisville baseball club has disposed of Shortstop Eustace and Right Fielder Mc-Farland to the Indianapolis Club. The con-

sideration is said to have been \$800. Chas, A. Collier, the president of Southern States Cotton Exposition, has been elected Mayor of Atlanta, Ga. He had no opposi-

Governor Johnston has been sworn in by the Legislature of Alabama, as Governor of The last census shows that in North Caro-

At Richmond, Va., Mrs. Mary Sincindiver, charged with shooting her husband with intent to kill, was acquitted on the evidence of her husband, who said the shooting was ac-

a there are 115,00

Private advices from Havana received at Jacksonville, Fla., are to the effect that Weyler will soon issue another tobacco order pronibiting the exportation of Remedious tobacco from the Island of Cuba. This was not included in his other order, and a great deal has been exported. Havana manufacturers ports on this tobacco as Northern and Eastern manufacturers were buying it all for exportation to this country, and he is expected to issue the order in a few days.

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia, Legislature prohibiting the playing of football in that State; also prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper.

The First National Bonk of Tyler, Texas, has failed. At the date of its last report, the capital of the bank was \$250,000.

Geo. H. Hoffer, cashier of it arst Nationa Bank of Lebanon, Ky., is a self-confes ed embezzier to the extent of \$110,000. He has A special to the Louisville Times from

Danville, Ky., says: An attempt to burn the town of Danville has been made and property to the extent of \$15,000 was destroyed. An unknown negro who was drived from a livery stable is suspected.

A special from Versailles, Ky., says all toll gates in Woodford county has been cut down and destroyed by a mob. Similar depredations have been committed recently in Franklin, Owen, Anderson and Washington counties. The mobs are composed of men who demand free turapikes in Kentucky.

At St. Lous, Mo., the national convention of the W. C. T. U. adjourned sine die Wednesday. To the executive committee is left the duty of selecting the place for the twenty-fourth annual convention. A number of cities have urged their claims. It is believed that the choice lies between Buffalo, N. Y., graceful conduct has been reported of and Detroit, Mich., but the choice may not

### All About the North.

At Milwaukee, Wis., 500 people have been poisoned by ar enic being put into flour at a bakery. A large number of the cases are considered serious. Arrests have been

Dynamité Dick has been killed at Kildare, I. T., by a posse of men which have been looking for him since last September when ne, with others, escaped from the jail at Guthrie. There was a reward of \$1,000 for

Fire in Mason City, Ia., destroyed the potsoffice and all the mail and several businers house. Loss, \$100,000. Insurance am-

George Y. Coffin, the famous cartoonist of

Chippewa Falls, Wis., is threatened with death and destruction, owing to an ice gorge which formed in the river just below the city. Water is two feet deep in the city. Another gorge is forming above the place, which if it should break suddenly would sweep the whole town. The people are panic stricken and are moving out. The thermometer is

At Park Place, Pa., the Packer Colliery No. , owned by the Lehigh Coal Company, has losed down for an indefinite period. Eight hundred men and boys are thrown out of

employment. The steam tug Levidavis of Newark, N. J. from Favannah to Norfolk, Va., crew of seven stranded four miles southeast of Southport, N. C. The crew were saved by means of surfboats.

burned at St. Paul, Minn. Loss, \$100,000; Insurance, \$30,000.

In New York, Frank P. Slavin, of Australia, and Bob Armstrong, of Chicago, fought. In the fourth round Slavin after two minutes and fifty-six seconds of fighting, threw up his hands and quit.

### Miscellaneous.

For November the Southern Railway earned \$1,677,502, a decrease of \$209,848.

At San Francisco, Cal., Sharkey was awarded the fight between himself and Fitzsimmons at the end of the eighth round, 'lough Fitz knocked him out it is said. The

attendance was 15,000. The executive committee having in charge the arrangements for the National conference of commercial bodies at Indianapolis. Ind., have changed the date for the conference from January 5th January 12th.

The principal offices of the Southern Railway supply department, it is understood. will be removed from Richmond, Va., to At-

lanta, Ga. The statement of the public debt issued the first of the month shows that on November 30, the debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$995,769,159, an increase for the month of \$8,270,203. This increase is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in the amount of cash on hand.

## INTERIOR AND NAVAL REPORTS

As Submitted by Secretaries Franeis and Herbert.

INTERIOR IN GOOD CONDITION,

Herbert Deals With the Subject of the Militia at Some Length-Number of Vessels 3.339.

David R. Francis, Secretary of the Interior, and Hilliard A. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy, have submitted their reports to the President. Below are extracts from the offi-

"The appropriations under Francis' department for the last fiscal year amounted to \$157,179,656. The estimates for the present fiscal year are about \$1,000,000 more than was appropriated last year. priated last year. The actual public domain is now 1,849,072,587 acres. The public lands still vacant amount to over 600,000,000 acres. not including Alaska. About 85,729,751 acres have been patented to railroads and there are yet due railroads and wagon roads under their grants an aggregate of 114,736,639 acres. The total acreage segregated from the public domain was 946,219,160 acres. The Secretary deems it desirable that our waste acreage should be taken up by actual settlers and they should be given every encourage-ment and says if the rate of settlement continues in the future as in the past but little vacant land will be left in 13 years' time. He urges legislation for the preservation of the forests and states that a report will be sub-mitted to congress by the forestry commis-sion which has lately returned from a tour of inspection.

"Secretary Francis is of the opinion that the free use of timber on public lands for commercial purposes should be discontinued. "On the pension question, he says that about 970,678 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions and the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion. He gives a table which shows that the total amount paid by the government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last 31 ears was \$2,034,817,769, which lacks only \$346,712,525 of being equal to the high water mark of the interest-bearing public debt. He suggests a number of ammendments of the pension laws. One hundred and forty million dollars is thought to be sufficient for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year unless pensions are increased by further legislation. The secretary recom-mends that an increase from \$8 to \$12 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war who are wholly disabled and

"The Indians, he says, now occupy about \$5,000,000 acres of land and they should be protected from the sinister machinations of unscrupulous men. He recommends that the Indian bureau should be conducted by a commission of three members, two to be civilans of different political parties and one

an army officer. "Concerning the bond-aided railroads, the secretary summarizes the recommendations of his predecessors and the result of the litigation. He calls attention to the fact that the tables he presents clearly show that the Central Pacific Railroad is in default to the overnment comments on January 1st next, 2,482, 82,482, of its indebtedness, to-gether with thirty years interest there-on, will fail due and must be redeemed by

"On January 1, 1897, \$6,640,000 additional bonds of the Union Pacific will mature; interests on same, \$11,952,000, will be then due, and if not paid, the Union Pacific will unquestionably be in default. He has therefore feelined to patent lands to the Union Pacific railroad or the entral Pacific railroad, except in cases where it can be shown that the ands for which patents are asked have been sold to bonafide purchasers. The Central Pacific railroad was, on June 30, 1896, in default to the government to the extent of \$288,143 on its "bond and interest" and its

### "sinking fun" account."

The Naval Militia. Hon. H. A. Herbert in his report as Secretary of the Navy deals with the subject of the naval militia at some length, and it is shown that at the close of the last administration the number of naval militia lawfully certified was 1,794, divided among the States of Rhode Island, Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina, Massachusetts, California and New York. From the last returns they now number 3,339, in the States of California, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Maryland, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Georgia and Louis-iana, and the Department has been informed of the prospective formation of an additional battalion in New York, at Brooklyn and an organization in Ohio.

What's Next? At Ceredo, W. Va., a match for \$500 a side has been made for a fight between Thomas Stevens, of Cattlettsburg, Ky., and a vicious 10-months-cld bear cub. Stevens is to be provided with a hunting knife with a four-Catlettsburg, Christmas Eve, in the opera

### Washington Pointers.

In accordance with a resolution of Congress the Fish Commission during the past year made a thorough investigation into the fisheries of the Florida coast. Special attention was given to the ascertainment of the fact whether sponge could be sucessfully cultivated in those waters. The report is now being prepared and will be sent to Congress within the next two or three weeks. Prior to its transmission to that body the commission declines to indicate what the report con- vice. tains or the recommendations he may have

The President has pardoned, for the pur pose of restoring to citizenship, Frank J. Byas, sentenced in North Carolina to two years and six months imprisonment for per-

The German government has lodged an While the latter paid only 5 per cent of the energetic protest with the State Lepartment taxes, they received one-fourth of the expenagainst the action of the President imposing ditures for public school purposes. tonnage dues on German ships entering American ports. The receipt of this protest will be duly acknowledged, but there the mrtter is likely to rest, unless the German government takes steps to remove the charges on American shipping, which formed the basis for the President's proclamation serrat estates have been completely wiped recently issued.

The Launchings Were Successful. The new gunboats Vicksburg and Newport were launched from the yards of the Bath Iron Works Saturday before an immense crowd. The launchings were successful in every respect.

### Greater New York.

According to some of the members of the Greater New York Commission, the committee on draft, although it has arrived at defi- a monograph on the timber pines of the nite conclusions, will not be ready to report to the full commission before January 1st, No attempt will be made to present the report and charter to the Legislature before direction of Dr. B. E Fern w, chief of the February 1st. The borough plan has been decided upon; there will be two houses in the municipal Legislature. The borough board will take the initiative in local affairs and the power of the mayor will be greater

### WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT. The Stormy Weather Has Had Its Im-

pression or Trade Conditions. Bradstreet says general trade continues in moderate volume, jobbers and wholesale

dealers being agreed that there will be no business revival this year. There is activity in holiday goods. Rain and stormy weather South and cold, severe weather West and Northwest, have checked traffic on interior country roads and otherwise interfered with the distribution of merchandise, except at some Northwestern centres where more seasonable weather has stimulated the demand for heavy textiles, clothing, hats and shoes. Throughout the central Mississippl valley there has been no increase in the demand in wholesale lines, and at the South trade is characterized as full.

trade is characterized as dull. Nails have again re-acted on the dissolu-ion of the pool; tin plate prices have been tion of the pool; tin plate cut and Bessemer pig tron h cents a ton. The weakness ues and prices are lower, th without effect on quotation troleum prices have re-acted as material change is reported in prices for pork, print cloths and lumber, while those

for turpentine, tobaceo, cotton, sugar, wheat and flour are all higher. November bank clearings reflect the speclative activity following the election. Compared with months immediately preceding, he showing is a good one. Only once before in 13 years has the November total exceeded that for October, and with the excep-tion of January the November total is the beaviest for any month this year. But in spite of this the total November clearings were smaller than a year ago and, with New York ex-cluded, quite a heavy failing off is reported. The total clearings at 66 cities for November aggregate \$4,564,307,804, a decrease from a year age of 2.8 per cent. Outside of New York the total clearings of all the cities fell off nearly 11 per cent. from a year ago. Only two large cities in the country show increases —New York with 3.6 per cent. and Baltimore with 4.3 per cent.

There are 359 business failures reported throughout the United States for this week, which is an increase of 63 compared with last week and 44 compared with the corresponding week one year ago.

### CHIPPEWA FALLS IS SAFE.

People Becoming Reconciled and Business Men Are Moving Back. The situation is more hopeful. The water has receded one foot and it is gradually go" for itself under the gorge. The weather is two years later.

moderating and unless all signs fail, the water will continue to recede. It will probably be two weeks before the river returns to its normal state, and the people are less excited and all feel very hopeful. Col. Jones, a United States civil engineer, says: "I think the ice in the gorge will remain until spring and that the river will force a channel plenty

Contemplating Coming South.

The Pepperell and Laconia Mills, of Biddeford, Me., have petitioned the Legislature of that State for the privilege of increasing their capital stock, the former to \$1,500,000 and the laster to \$2.200,000. It is believed that the Charry Contemplates operati branch plants in the South. The corpor tion officials are reticent but the petiti states that the object of the increased capitilization is to purchase and hold any real estate essential or convenient for their busi ness and to carry on their business elsewhere than in Biddeford or Sico.

Old-Time Kentucky Killing. A special from Lexington, Ky., says fight between old man Harrison and two sons, Tom and Caleb, occurred in one of the mountain counties. As a result the eldc1 Morgan is dead and both sons are dying-Both of the Harrison boys are also dead. The battle was fought with revolvers. The Morgan family were strong supporters of D. G. Colson and the Harrison family supporters of John D. White in the recent election for Congressman in Letcher county.

Hanna Favors "The Ball." Concerning the report going the rounds to the effect that the inaugural ball may possibly be omitted at the coming inauguration of President-elect McKinley in March, Chairman M. A. Hanna who has charge of the arrangements pertaining to such matters, says: "I think the inaugural ball will be held as usual. It has become a time-honored custom in connection with the inaugural ceremonies and there is no reason why it should be omitted now."

### London's Total Debt.

The total debt of London is now £37,941, 704. This involves a charge on the rates o 12,523,447, of which £1,217,437 is interest inch blade. The battle is to take place at and £1,306,010 repayment, equal to a rate of 1s. 57d. in the pound, and equivalent to nearly 111 per cent. of the ratable value.

Will Not Pay Sharkey. A special from San Francisco says the Anglo-California bank, on which the prize fight check for \$10,000 was drawn by the National Club, has refused payment. The check was presented by Lynch, Sharkey's backer. The bank officials told Lynch they must decline

The South's Population. Within the last twenty years the population of the South has increased about 54 per cent, while the school enrollment has made a gain of 130 per cent. A very large part of this gain is in the education of the negro race.

Cyclone in Jamaica. A cyclone, accompanied by heavy floods, has swept the eastern West Indies, causing serrat estates have been completely wiped out. The islands of Trinidad and Barbadoes

have also been flooded, causing immense damage, but no loss of life has been report-

At Vineland, N. J., fire destroyed the New Jersey training school for feeble minded children. The 200 children were taken out without accident. Loss 25,000.

Washington Echoes. By far the most elaborate work on forestry topics yet issued by the Department of Agriculture has just made its appearance. It is Southern States by Dr. Charles Mohr, with a discussion of the structure of their wood by

division of forestry. than that of the present chief executive of New York city.

Store, N. C.; Charles Bond, Quitsna, N. C.; during December, it is estimated, will be sufficient to meet payments due January 1, has been established at Adiai Union county, 1897. N. C., with William N. Lee as Dustmaster.

Discusses In North American Review the Result Reached.

### IT WAS TEMPORARY DEFEAT

But Permanent Gain for the Cause of Bimetallism. Not Regarded as a Conclusive Settlement of the Questions at Issue.

In the December number of the North | wide. American Review, just published, Mr. Bryan has an article, in which he discusses the result of the election as affecting the status of the silver question. The issue on which the election turned, he describes as "the greasestissue ever submitted to the American people in time of peace." The declaration of the Chicago convention in favor of the free coinage of silver, forced upon the people of this country a study of the money question in general; and within the last four months more people have been simultaneousy engaged in its consideration than ever before in the history of the world. The result of this stuly, Mr. Bryan declares, to be "temporary defeat, but permanent gain for

the cause of bimetallism. Mr. Bryan regards it as a insignificant fact that the silver sentiment was strongest where the question had been longest considered; that is to say in the West and South. In Mr. Bryan's opinion, the cause of bimetallism made more rapid progress than ever any cause made in such a short time. Mr. Bryan expresses his assurace that the election can be by no means regarded as a conclusive settlement of the question at issue. The advocates of free coinage are convinced, he says, that they are laboring in behalf of a large majority of the people, not only here, but throughout the world; and according to the writer, they propose to continue their contest, they are confident that four more years of experience will convince many who have thus far resisted arguments. This confidence, Mr. Bryan says, is confirmed by the history of recent elections. Mr. Greely was defeated in 1872 and yet Mr. Tilden was elected in 1876. Mr. Blayne was défeated in 1884, but Mr. Harrison was elected in 1888. The Republican victory of 1888 was followed by the Democratic victory of discovered at Sin Tai, China. The ing down. The river has forced a channel 1890 and the election of President Cleveland

Mr. Bryan counsels the successful party to remember that thousands of Republicans have been held to their party this year by the pledge that it will try to secure international

oi-metallism. In reference to the gold standard Democrats, Mr. Bryan is assured that they cannot | no pigs-pork is an unknown article do as much in 1900 as they have done this year. They have declared their affection for will gradually melt and will cause no flood."

Many of the merchants have commenced to move back to their places of business. Lynamite was not used to break the gorge.

### STORM ECHOES.

Snow and Ice Played Havoc With the Wires, Shade Trees, Etc.

At Columbia, S. C., the wires of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies have been almost totally destroyed by the pact. combination, sleet rain and snow-storm. Poles were crushed down beneath the ice. The city fire alarm and police patrol systems were also nearly destroyed. The telegraph lines running towards Augusta and Charleston are supposed to be totally destroyed. Columbia's handsome shade trees have also been torn to pieces and the streets are block-

aded with debris. The latest from Chippewa Falls, Wis., s that the water is rising and creeping slowly into the city and to make matters worse a heavy snow is falling. The reports from the farming country are distressing. Hundreds are homeless and their belongings are being swept away by the flood. They will ask the government to send help to try and break the gorge with dynamite. The board of health has asked that the people refrain as much as possible from using the sewers. There are a number of cases of typhoid fever, and with the sewers in the business part of the city stopped up, the health of the community will be greatly impaired unless precaution is used,

Inaugurated for the Fifth Time. Gen. Portiono Diaz, who was first elected to the presidency of Mexico in 1876, and under whose administration the country had continued prosperity never before known-has been inaugurated for the fifth time. The oath of office was administered with much ceremony and the event was made the occasion of general rejoicing.

Iowa's Big Deficit. The State of Iowa has a deficit of \$500,000 in sight. By the end of the present blennal period it is liable to reach \$1,000,000, and it seems altogether probable that the State will

issue bonds for the first time since the war. Tom Watson Out of Politics.

Maine Populist, wrote to Tom Watson, ask- eye was severely bruised by the blow, ing for a contribution. Mr. Bateman has rebeived an answer from Watson, who says he Stockton was so painful that he was is out of politics, and is not saying or writing to pay the check until courts decided that Sharkey was entitled to the money. The bank officials say they are acting on legal adson intimates that he is disgusted with such Populist leaders as Senator Butler and Allen, and believes that if the Populist party is to survive it must be organized along new lines, and there must be no further fusion or even semblance of fucton with the Democratic

### Rubber Oysters Discovered.

rubber oyster is the discovery announced to rank with the telephone, the submarine from the reign of Queen Elizabeth. caple or any other of the many ingenious devices of man to ameliorate the condition of his fellowman. It consists of a gutta-percha oyster, to be placed in the restaurant oyster soup, so as to remove the accepted idea that the decoction contains nothing of a solid

nature.

Defeated the Bill. The Georgia Senate defeated a bill which prohibited the gold clause in contracts. The House passed a bill making women eligible to the office of State librarian.

To Pay a 16 Per Cent. Dividend. A semi-annual dividend of 16 per cent. will be paid in January on the stock of the Southern Railway. The amount of preferred stock is \$55,000,000. At the end of the fiscal year.

June 30, the company carried over \$1,452,-The Tennessee Treasury. A. J. Jackson has been appointed post-ma ter, vice W. H. Osmond, resigned, at Bath, Beaufort county, N. C. Those com-missioned are Alfred Dockery, at Docker's November and \$82,846 disbursed. Receipts The State Treasury contains an available

### CURIOUS FACTS.

Envelopes were first used in 1839. The best bricks in the world are made by the tribes of Central Asia.

The European hornet is much larger than the common wasp, and has a temper in proportion to its size. The "Giants' Club" in Berlin, Germany, admits to membership no one

who is less than six feet in height, Recent insurance statistics show that if the wife die first, the husband, on an average, survives nine years. The largest room in the world is in the imperial palace at St. Petersburg,

A toadstool was found at Sparta, Mich., the other day, which measured 41 feet in circumference, and weighed sight pounds. When a dentist in China is pulling

Russia. It is 16) feet long by 150

tooth for a patron, an assistant pounds on a gong to drown the cries of the victim. No human head was impressed on

oins until after the death of Alexanler the Great. All images before that time were of dieties. A fire at a farmhouse near Axminster, England, was put out recently by

pumping on it eider from hogsheads, as there was no water to be had. William Thompson, C. E., of London, received the idea of pneumatic tires from the pneumatic springs which were proposed for carriages in

An ostrich will never go straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings and detours, in order, if possible, to conceal the locality from observation.

Many frescoes, some going back to the fourteenth century, have been discovered on the walls of the chruch of San Floriano, at Monteflascone, during recent repairs. A subterranean grave, said to be

10,000 years old, has been recently grave contained a pair of vases and candlesticks, besides some ancient ornaments. There are no sheep in Japan, and wool is not used as clothing, silk and cotton being the staples. There are

of diet, and lard is not used in cooking. Neither are there any goats, or mules, or donkeys. A circular saw fifty-four inches in diameter at Buck's mills at Jacksonville, Fla., flew into pieces while at full speed and cut things up in a way that shocked the hands. Some of the fragments slit their way through the roof, one piece cut a 6x12 timber in

a block of steel was welded by the im-

two, and another bit burled against

Quail Fly at a Passing Train, Attorney George Levinsky of the Stockton legal firm of Levinsky & Young, was the victim recently of as strange an accident as ever befell a

member of the bar. Mr. Levinsky is the attorney for the new Corral Hollow Railroad, which was built to convey coal from the immense Treadwell deposits, near Liver. more, to Stockton, and during the recent visit of the Native Sons to Stockton he concluded to take a party over the line to show them the beauties of the scenery and the engineering difficulties that had to be overcome

to construct it. He had a number of flat cars fitted up for seats for his guests, and one of the new engines of the road was hitched to the train and the party went bowling merrily through the

hills and valleys toward the mines.

As the excursion train rounded a curve and signaled a crossing, a bevy of quails, aroused from its feeding ground by the noisy engine, rose in a body and, bewildered by the dust and rattle made by the train, flew straight at it instead of away. They reached it just as the car containing Mr. Levinsky and several others were passing. and several of the passengers, moved by a sudden impulse, arose and waved their arms at the birds. One frightened quail flew straight at Mr. Levinsky and struck him fairly in the eye, falling to the floor of the car as dead as though he had been reached Recently L. C. Bateman, the editor of the by a charge of shot. Mr. Levinsky's and by the time the party returned to compelled to have it treated by a phy-

### sician. - San Francisco Call. Mother Goose Legends. Some little-known facts compiled by

the Philadelphia American: "Three Blind Mice" is in a music book of 1609. "Little Jack Horner" is older than the seventeenth century. "A Froggie Would A-Wooing Go" was written in 1650. "Pussy Cat, Pussy in Paris. The invention is one that deserves | Cat, Where Have You Been?" dates The author of "Cinderella," "Jack the Giant Killer," "Blue Beard" and "Tom Thumb" was Charles Perrault. a Frenchman, and written in 1697.

"Boys and Girls Come Out to Play" dates from Charles II. "Old Mother Hubbard," "Goosey, Goosey, Gander" and "Old Mother Goose" were first published in the six-

teenth century. "Humpty Dumpty" was a bold, bad baron, who lived in the days of King John, and was tumbled from power. This history was put into a riddle, the

answer to which is an egg. "The Babes in the Wood" was founded on an actual crime committed in the fifteenth century. An old house in Norfolk is still pointed out, upon a mantel shelt on which the entire history is carved.

A Heavily Taxed Rector. A Lincolnshire (England) rector, writing in the London Times, says he has an income of exactly \$1000 a year, and this year he has paid \$220 out of

it in rates and taxes,

# VICTORY IS CERTAIN.

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Gen. Bradley T. Johnson Reviews the Cuban Situation.

THE SPANISH ARE WHIPPED.

Patriots Belong to Every Class-Cubans Cannot be Starved - Their Arms and Equipments.

In discussing the situation in Cuba, General Bradley T. Johnson, who recently returned from there, says that it is impossible to get reliable or accurate information as to the Cuban army. "I investigated carefully." said he, and was never satisfied. Consider the state of mind in Baltimore and among Southern sympathizers during the civil war, and recall the exaggerations of their enthusiams and the dreams of their hopes. Then intensify that a thousand fold and you have a faint idea of the condition of things in Havana to-day. All the Spaningds are for the

government-all the Cubans are for the re-"What sort of people are supporting the rebellion," the general was asked.

"The bankers, the planters, the writers, the lawyers, the doctors, the professors and the people. The University of Havana is a hotbed of patriotism. The boys run off by the score to join Gomez and Maceo, and some of the professors are ministers plenipotentiary to the South American countries and to France. I think the property, the culture and the courage of the island is on the side of the rebellion.

the side of the rebellion "The insurrection is supported by wealth, directed by intelligence and conducted with genius and courage. I think the rebels outfight and out-maneuver the Spaniards, and that they will wear them out. "There is no chance of the rebels being starved out of the Pinar del Rio district for

the woods are full of cattle, hogs and sweet potatoes. They will always have plenty to eat. They are armed with Remingtons, Spencers, Mausers and every variety of carbine and revolver. Cuba's area is equal to to Pennsylvania its population is 1,102,899 white, 485,187 negroes and 43,811 Chinese. Negroes include all mixed blood; white means pure blooded, You perceive the population is about equal to that of Virginia and is similarly mixed-

about two whites to one of all the other "With peace and order restored there, how long would it take for two million American mechanics to take posession of the island? "Such an immigration of skill, energy and industry as would flow into Cuba the world has never seen. That would dispose of the Domingo-Mexican-nigger-republic spook. "Maceo is the genious of the war. He is a quadroon. His mother was the daughter of a Spaniard of rank, as he is the son of a Spaniard of rank. He is well educated, bright, alert, dashing and daring. He will wear the Spaniards out by guerilia warconstant surprises, ambuscades, attacks and retreats. Mosby, with 300 men, kept 40,000 men constantly employed for two years in the mountains of Fauquier and Loudon in Virginia, chasing him up and down hill and dale, but they never captured him, and he

cost them thousands of men and millions of "It is a condition and not a theory that Mr. Cleveland and the Congress are bound to meet, and a commission cannot be dodged. It grasps men and nations and makes them

act on the subject,

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE. Fifty Delegates Present -- Addresses By Prominent Men.

The monetary conference called by the Indianapolis board of trade met at the Denison House, in Indianapolis, and was called to order by Justice C. Adams, president of the board of trade. About fifty delegates were present at the opening session, among the more prominent being M. E. Ingails, of Cincinnati, and J. C. W. Cowies,

of Cleveland. Each commercial organization present was allowed three votes, and upon motion of E. B. Martindale, of this city, ex-Governor Stannard, of alissourl, was made permanent chairman. Ex-Attorney General Miller and John R. Wilson, both of Indianapolis, addressed the convention at some length, A resolution was adopted declaring it was

the sense of the conference that a general conference of commercial bodies be called at Indianapolis about January 12, for the purof suggesting such legislation as may be necessary to place the currency system of the country upon a sound and permanent basis. It was found, however, that the hall could not be secured on January 5, and the date was left to a local sub committee. It proba-bly will be fixed at January 12.

Cleveland's Private Fortune. The New York World says President Cleveland's private fortune is estimated at \$1,000,-000. He paid \$40,000 for his new house in Princeton, N. J. There is talk that he will be dean of Princeton College at the expiration

A Boy of 20 Kills a Man of 35. A special to the Atlanta Constitution from Thomasville says as the climax of his persistent persecution. Jeff Carlisle, a white man of about 35 years of age, who lived in the upper part of Thomas county, attacked Tobe Bryant, his neighbor, a youth of 20, with a knife, and in a desperate fight that followed was shot and killed by Bryant. The latter immediately surrendered to the sheriff, and is now in juil awaiting an investigation of

the affair. Both men were prominent in the

Clgarette Law in Iowa.

The lowa Prohibitory eigarette law seems

to have been knocked out. trust has discovered that the State law cannot be forced, because it interferes with inter-State commerce, and large shipments of cigarettes were received from New York sold

in the original 5-cent packages, and no attempt was made to prevent it. An Illinois Earthquake. A special from Cairo, Ill., says that a severe shock of earthquake was felt in that city at 1:12 Tuesday afternoon, the vibrations lasting several seconds. Buildings swayed so

age was done, An Extra Session of Congress.

perceptibly that the inmates became alarmed

and rushed into the streets. No serious dam-

The Washington Post says: A Republican United States Senator, who has been in the city for the past two weeks, and who has made it a point to call upon and talk with every Senator of his party, who was either here before him or has come since, states that he is positive that there will be no tariff legislation at this coming session, and that an extra session will be called by the 15th of March. This, he feels well satisfied, will be the line of action, or rather inaction, decided upon by the party caucus. He is also confident that, at the extra session, the tariff bill which will be framed will be put through, provided there is no Democratic filibuster, in three months time, and that the extra session will be adjourned before the 1st of July.